

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (MCHAB)

May 4, 2007

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Terrence McGaw, MD, Chairperson

Tyree Davis, DDS

Lou Palma, Child Haven Manager, Clark County Department of Family Services (DFS)

Jeffrey Wrightson, MD

T.J. Rosenberg, Nevada Parents Encouraging Parents (NV PEP)

Raquel Knecht, Nevada Hispanic Services Carson City (NHSCC)

Michelle Kling, RN, MS

David Gremse, MD, proxy for Beverly Neyland, MD

Veronica Nichols, proxy for Bonnie Sorenson, RN, BSN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Maggie Carlton, Vice-chairperson

Assemblywoman Peggy Pierce

NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Judith Wright, Chief, Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS)

Prasanjit Chakma, Health Program Specialist (HPS) 1, BFHS

Jo Malay, HPS 2, BFHS

Margie Franzen-Weiss, HPS 1, BFHS

Kyle Devine, HPS 2, BFHS

Tiffany Young, HPS 1, BFHS

Debra Wagler, Health Program Manager (HPM) 1, BFHS

Tami Smith, Administrative Assistant (AA) 4, BFHS

OTHERS PRESENT

Linda Yi, Director, University Medical Center (UMC)

Betsy Aiello, Chief, Nevada Check Up, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)

Marti Coté, Social Services Program Specialist (SSPS) 3, DHCFP

Steve Kutz, Public Health Nurse (PHN) Supervisor, Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD)

Lisa Lottritz, Maternal Child and Health Coordinator, WCDHD

Danielle Nelson, Health Care Center Manager (HCCM), Renown Pregnancy Center (RPC)

Angie Christensen PHN, WCDHD

Linda Anderson, Deputy Attorney General (DAG)

CALL TO ORDER

Terrence McGaw called to order the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB) meeting at **9:37 a.m.** videoconferenced from the Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS), Reno, and the Bureau of Licensure and Certification (BLC), Las Vegas. This was a public meeting and the public was invited to make comments. In accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law, this meeting was posted at the following locations: Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS), Carson City; Nevada State Health Division, Carson City; Nevada State Library and Archives, Carson City; Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), Las Vegas; Elko County Library, Elko; NEIS, Reno; BLC, Las Vegas and the Nevada State Health Division (NSHD) website at <http://health.nv.gov>.

Introductions were made around the table.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2007 MINUTES

Michelle Kling addressed misspellings and corrections including rephrasing of line 3, page 3 which states “people in-between” to state “people in transition.” Ms. Kling motioned to approve the February 9, 2007 minutes; and Raquel Knecht seconded. **MOTION APPROVED**

UPDATE ON MEDICAID MANAGED CARE INCLUDING MANAGED CARE OUTCOMES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND CHANGES TO BUDGET

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UPDATE ON NEVADA CHECK UP

Betsy Aiello reported the Nevada Check Up caseload had increased by 667 children in March 2007. As of November 2006 the caseload is 92% of the projected budget. Due to the Back to School campaign and the Welfare online interfacing, applications have greatly increased the average of 2000 applicants a month as opposed to 1460, same time last year. Ms. Aiello stated the Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability (HIFA) waiver continues to grow with over 100 women in the program, 3 newborns enrolled in Nevada Check Up and 10 babies in the queue after birth. Enrollment for the child is requested 45 days before birth. Ms. Aiello mentioned the enrollment for Employer Sponsored Insurance Subsidy (ESIS) program is growing slowly due to information dissemination and parent applications which have not qualified due to employers who do not offer insurance plans or employers not willing to pay 50% of coverage. Ms. Aiello stated total Nevada Check Up caseload as of May 2007, is 29,409 participants. In April, a new bill, the Rockefeller-Snowe-Kennedy Keep Children Covered Act was introduced on the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Ms. Aiello stated under Title 19 (Medicaid) a pregnant women covered by Medicaid, after birth her child is automatically covered by Medicaid for one year, where as the HIFA waiver, Title 21, covers the mother but the child's coverage is not automatic; an application must be made to make the child eligible under SCHIP. Ms. Aiello mentioned new SCHIP legislation will be funded for 5 years instead of 10 years.

REPORT ON THE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CAMPAIGN (HEALTHY MOTHERS HEALTHY BABIES), WASHOE COUNTY

Danielle Nelson reviewed a PowerPoint presentation explaining collaboration between the Renown Pregnancy Center (RPC) and the Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD) which began in August 2005. RPC provides prenatal care, intrapartum and postpartum clinical services with WCDHD providing the educational courses, support services through home visits, domestic violence and perinatal depression screenings. Ms. Nelson mentioned some patients who use RPC do not return and hoped this program would encourage patients to continue care throughout the duration of their pregnancy. To prevent low birth weight infants, this program educates and empowers women to deliver a healthy term infant. Ms. Nelson stated the Health Habit & Pregnancy class, an early prenatal class, offers insight into substance abuse and warning signs of preterm labor. Ms. Nelson mentioned success in the design of their database and collection forms created by Sharon Clodfelter, Statistician, Division of Epidemiology & Public Health Preparedness (DEPHP). Ms. Nelson stressed 100% of participants are screened for domestic violence and for perinatal depression through the RPC and all health nurses which will refer as appropriate. Angie Christensen explained a breakout session during a March 2005 Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) conference on perinatal depression which indicated the single most important question to ask pregnant women whether they have had a past episode of depression which happens at the same rate perinatally as the general population. Dr. McGaw stated the RPC's 67% Hispanic population traditionally had minimal use of tobacco, if not zero and only lately has had a slight increase from 0% to 2% reported use of tobacco. Ms. Christensen stated the percent of low birth weight babies had been on the rise in Washoe County from 7.99% in 2001 to 9.13% in 2003 gathered from the latest

stats. She mentioned Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR), similar to low birth weight but tracks infant mortality. The rate of FIMR reflects the health of women and infants in the community as well as the community's ability to address the needs of their members and by tracking can provide important data to direct community efforts and address the disturbing mortality statistics in Nevada. Ms. Christensen stated there is growing support in Washoe County for instituting a FIMR board which would address the community level factors associated with individual cases of fetal and infant death. FIMR is an action based process of data collection, using the Perinatal Period of Risk (PPR) tool to help determine the frequency of problems whether during pregnancy, delivery or first 28 days of life. Marti Coté mentioned Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) regarding birth certificates as a set back for FIMR. She stated a need to approach the legislature for a language change in NRS and policy changes to implement.

Dr. Jeffery Wrightson mentioned southern Nevada having a similar program to add to the agenda for an update. He mentioned the need for recommendations and support from the governor with the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada (UMCSN) Baby Steps and Family to Family programs regarding legislative decision. Linda Yi explained each program affected by the legislative decision including Baby Steps, Access to Prenatal Care, Early Access grant, the child abuse prevention grants through the trust fund by public health, the March of Dimes (MOD) funded Centering Pregnancy grant and a senior program. Ms. Yi mentioned open forum sessions being held in Las Vegas.

REPORT ON EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSTIC, AND TREATMENT (EPSDT) WORKSHOP AND FOLLOW-UP BOARD DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Coté reviewed the status of the Automatic Newborn Enrollment workgroup which elected Chairperson John Whaley, Chief of Business Lines at Nevada Medicaid and Vice-Chairperson Lorraine Oliver, Registered Nurse (RN) of SNHD. Ms. Coté stated the fourth workgroup the Cross Systems Linkages for Healthy Kids will not meet until close of the legislative session.

REPORT ON JAMES BELL ASSOCIATION STUDY ON ABANDONED INFANTS IN CLARK COUNTY

Lou Palma reviewed James Bell Associates (JBA) of Arlington, Virginia has a contract on a National follow-up study of abandoned infants and border babies for the Children's Bureau of United States (US) Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); their task was to put together a report to present to Congress with 6 jurisdictions selected including Clark County, Nevada. Mr. Palma stated there had been a huge reduction in the number of abandoned infants and border babies since the research had begun in the jurisdictions reported on. He mentioned at the drafts completion forwarding a copy to Judy Wright and placed on the agenda for members to review. Mr. Palma mentioned Homeland Insecurity, American Children at Risk; a book by Michael Petit endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), which had similarities to our area's drastic cuts being made to children and families across the nation. Mr. Palma will email Ms. Wright a copy of the book. She can then be contacted for a copy.

REPORT ON THE HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS WORKGROUP AND BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. McGaw stated changes to the proposal letter from "any women infected with Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) of the cervix has an abnormal pap smear" which should read "any women with an abnormal pap smear is infected with HPV of the cervix." Ms. Kling motioned to accept wording changes to the letter, Ms. Knecht seconded. **MOTION APPROVED**

REPORT ON LEGISLATURE AND BILLS OF INTEREST TO MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH, BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION OF: SB 411 MAKES AND APPROPRIATION TO THE BUREAU OF FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES OF THE HEALTH DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO FUND DIAGNOSTIC CLINICS FOR FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME: SB 266 REQUIRES THE PERFORMANCE OF TESTS FOR THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND NEWBORN CHILDREN

Ms. Wright reviewed Senate Bill (SB) 411 which provides \$101,000 over the biennium to the BFHS for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) clinics, which had been assigned to a legislative committee. She stated it had not been scheduled for its first hearing. Ms. Wright stated during the hearing for SB 266, an amendment was made to the bill to require a brochure to be given to all women tested. Ms. Wright mentioned Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS) bill is requiring 20% of services out in community, requiring an additional 20% the first year of the biennium, and another 20% the second year. She stated there are issues regarding the providers in the private communities which have not caught up with the first required 20% due to lack of providers. She mentioned the possible move of NEIS to be placed under the director of DHHS not under a bureau of the Health Division (HD). Dr. McGaw mentioned receiving a letter from the Washoe County Medical Society (WCMS) regarding Senator Washington's concerns about testimony given on the 6 month waiting period for children's FASD screening.

STAFF REPORTS AND BOARD DISCUSSION

Ms. Wright stated the MCHAB Executive Summary 2007 Recommendations and the MCHAB 2005/2006 Report were emailed to Senator Carlton and Assemblywomen Pierce. Ms. Wright introduced Jo Malay, Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Nurse Consultant which had been working with the Early Childhood Health (ECH) consultants. There will be 3 staff attending June training in North Carolina including Margie Franzen-Weiss, Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Coordinator and Debbie Barter, Nevada Area Health Education Center (AHEC) of Southern Nevada. Ms. Wright reviewed the National Newborn Screening (NNS) site visit which will provide a report on the outcome of the visit. Ms. Wright mentioned Abstinence Education had received word which all of their conditions for this years grant had been met and Jessica Cowee can begin writing subgrants. Ms. Wright reviewed the Report to MCHAB on Oral Health. Primary Care Development Center had recreated their website. Ms. Wright reminded the MCHAB members of the new HD website: <http://health.nv.gov/>. Ms. Wright confirmed Women, Infants and Children (WIC) clinics currently in need of additional sites in Las Vegas; strategic planning for technology to cover the WIC Management Information System (MIS), and the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) environment is not yet available.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Wright reminded the MCHAB the July 6, 2007 meeting is a face-to-face meeting held in Reno.

Meeting adjourned at **11:10 a.m.**